

# 2012 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (TEA)

*A Program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, and implemented by IREX (International Research and Exchange Board in Washington, D.C.)*

## **Eligibility Requirements:**

- *Current secondary-level, full-time teachers with five or more years of classroom experience in disciplines:*  
**English as a Foreign Language, Social Studies (civics, history, or geography) Math Sciences**
- *Citizens of and residents in **Estonia***
- *Proficiency in written and spoken English*
- *Continue teaching for at least five years after completion of the program*
- *Submit a complete application by May 16, 2011*  
**Electronic submission is preferable.**

TEA will provide 178 practicing secondary school teachers from Europe and Eurasia, East Asia and the Pacific, the Near East, South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere with unique opportunities to develop expertise in their subject areas, enhance their teaching skills, and increase their knowledge about the United States.

The international participants will travel to the United States in two cohorts **in spring or fall 2012**. TEA consists of a non-degree, non-credit customized academic program including coursework and intensive training in teaching methodologies, lesson planning, and teaching strategies for home classroom environments, as well as the use of computers for Internet, word processing, and as teaching tools. As part of the academic program, participants will have the opportunity to design or revise a set of lessons for use in their home classroom as well as modify a lesson into a micro-lesson demonstration for the End of program Workshop in Washington, D.C. The 6-week program will also include a 40-hour internship at a secondary school to actively engage participants with American teachers and students. Cultural activities and academic support will be provided for participants throughout the program.

TEA program alumni are eligible to apply for small grants upon their return home. These grants can provide resources to conduct teacher training workshops or other activities that share teachers' experiences in the U.S. and contribute to the growth of their home education communities

The TEA fellowship is fully funded and provides:

- J-1 visa support
- A pre-departure orientation held in participant's home country
- Round-trip airfare to/within the U.S.
- Baggage allowance for fees during program travel
- A Welcome Orientation in Washington, D.C.
- Academic program fees
- Housing (generally shared with other program fellows) and meals
- Accident and sickness coverage
- Transportation to the internship school (if necessary)
- A daily allowance for meals and incidentals during the program
- A book/professional development allowance
- A Closing Workshop in Washington, D.C.
- The opportunity to apply for follow-on grants.

## **Application Deadline: Monday, May 16, 2011**

Applications for the TEA Program can be obtained and submitted by contacting

[http://estonia.usembassy.gov/tea\\_program.html](http://estonia.usembassy.gov/tea_program.html)

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